Q. IF I AM TURNED DOWN AND I DISAGREE, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

A. Yes.. If you have a problem with the application process or disagree with the decision made about your eligibility there is a grievance procedure and review available. Your case manager will provide you with that policy when you apply for assistance.

Q. WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE KCTH PROGRAM?

A. Your rights and responsibilities are fully explained on the form "Client Rights and Responsibilities" which you will receive when you apply. Simply put you will be expected to follow the guidelines established to receive assistance and provide the necessary documentation. See your case manager for details.

Kansas Care Through Housing is a HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS) funded program through HUD (Housing and Urban Development). The program sponsor is The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Medical Practice Association, a non-profit organization. The funds are granted through The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). All guidelines established are in compliance with HUD and HOPWA. Assistance is provided regardless of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, veteran's status, national origin or ancestry.

KCTH (HOPWA) funding is not an entitlement program and is meant to help prevent homelessness. Clients are encouraged to move from KCTH assistance to long-term housing stability through other programs and/ or attaining self-sufficiency.

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Q.WHAT IS KANSAS CARE THROUGH HOUSING?

A. Kansas Care Through Housing is a HUD funded program that helps pay for housing and housing related expenses for low income persons with HIV or AIDS and their family. Anyone with HIV/AIDS whose income does not exceed 50% of the median income level for your area can qualify (your case manager has a chart to see if your income qualifies). There are additional screening criteria used to determine who will receive assistance.

This program is designed to provide support to those qualifying individuals and their families who are able to live independently without intensive services as well as helping move people from transitional housing to permanent housing. Access to assistance is also for those in permanent housing who are in jeopardy of losing their housing due to HIV/AIDS related financial problems.

Q. WHAT IS A FAMILY?

A. Family means a household composed of two or more related persons. The term family also includes one or more eligible persons living with another person or persons who are determined to be important to their care or well being.

\boldsymbol{Q} . What can assistance be USED FOR?

A. Assistance can be applied for to help pay rent, mortgage payments, utility payments, basic phone service and other payments that are determined essential to stable



KCTH can help with rent, mortgage, utilities or basic phone service payments.

housing. Emergency assistance payments are limited to a maximum period of time and amount in any 52 week period. Payments are also determined based on whether or not it is a shared

> housing arrangement and apply only to the portion for the individual and related family mem-

bers.. Long-term rental assistance is also available that has an annual renewable period and requires that the applicant pay a percentage of the monthly rent based on HUD guidelines.

Q. CAN SOMEONE ON SECTION 8 OR OTHER RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS APPLY?

A. Only in certain circumstances can someone already receiving assistance through section 8, shelter-plus care or other programs receive assistance on a one-time only emergency basis.

O. HOW DO I APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE?

A. Contact your Ryan White Case Manager. He/she will see if you qualify and help you through the application process. Your case manager will tell you what you will need to

bring to the meeting depending on the type of assistance you are requesting. Once your case manager determines you are eligible, your ap-

> plication will be sent to the KCTH office for a determination.

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O. WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?

> be told of your HIV status. All

assistance checks are issued from a bank account that is not identified as HIV/AIDS related. The program is referred to as the Kansas Care Through Housing Program. Any information about HIV status is used by the KCTH staff to determine your eligibility to receive assistance.

Q. WILL I RECEIVE THE MONEY FOR ASSISTANCE?

A. No. Payments are made directly to the landlord/mortgagor, utility company or other approved provider.

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